

ON THE CURBSTONE.

It is common talk upon the streets how different were the Conventions of the two political parties held here last week. That of the Republican party was a calm, deliberative body, in which the discussions were of a high order, befitting the intelligence of the distinguished men representing the various counties of the Territory. On the contrary, the Democratic Convention was a sort of Donnybrook Fair, in which the "ward strikers" carried the day, a yelling mob, over which the Chairman seemed to have not the least control.

I was present at the Democratic County Convention for the greater portion of the time it was sitting. I consider it one of the most amusing experiences of my life. The grasping, underhanded instincts of humankind were never more openly exhibited, and yet it was amusing. It was comical in the same way that the selfish pranks in a monkey cage would have been. The different candidates for the various offices seemed to leave friendship, truth and everything else subordinate to their success in getting the nomination sought.

Doctor Mahoney was a delegate from Peoria, and, being an old and tried Democrat, was not at all backward in expressing his sentiments. He belongs to that large wing of the Democratic party that renders not tribute to Zulick. Naturally, then, when the New Jersey name was brought forward for nomination as Councilman, the Doctor protested and with vehemence. During a short recess he was asked to make some remarks and promptly responded.

"Is the first place," the doctor said, "I know that the Chairman of this Convention does not know anything about parliamentary rules. But, mainly, what I wish to say is that, by the Jumping Jesus, I'll never vote for Zulick. I put in nomination today the name of a resident of Maricopa County for that position. It was refused; and I wish to state right here that I will vote for a Republican in preference to Zulick. If I've got money enough to do it, I'll beat that fellow at the November election—I'll do it, as sure as thunder and, by G—, I'm right. I have been beaten in this fight, I submit; I had to, for I had the bottom knocked square out of me. But, again I say, I'll never vote for Zulick, never in God Almighty's world."

"You take Zulick and Tom Farish and put them in the Assembly and you have a combination that will beat anything earth."

"Why will you vote for a man who is in New Jersey when you have good men at home? It is an outrage upon the credulity and intelligence of the people of this county to nominate a man like Zulick."

I heard nothing more of the Doctor's scurge, for at this point the Zulick elers set up a terrific uproar, above which the speaker's voice could not rise, though he stood amid the din, wildly gesticulating and evidently exerting all the strength of his powerful lungs.

And Mahoney is not alone in his opposition to Zulick. To my positive knowledge, six of the foremost Democratic attorneys of Phoenix will leave no stone unturned to defeat him, deeming him dishonest and unworthy to represent Maricopa County in the Councils of the Territory. The rank and file—the men who cast the ballots—are also in the same, and the Bourbon bosses will learn their sorrow that a howling mob of a convention does not always represent the voting element of Maricopa county's democracy.

SEVERAL of the defeated candidates declared that they "had not a sore spot on their hides." But if the successful aspirants could have seen them, as I did, hatching plots within an hour thereafter to defeat the nominees on the Democratic ticket, their ideas about numerous action would speedily vanish.

TOM FARISH's nomination for the Assembly was not intended by the combine. They thought they had him beaten, but Eugene Angelman, who was doing the fine work for Tom, had a little scheme that worked to perfection. The vote was by twoes. If Farish's supporters voted for another Assemblyman along with their leader, there would have been a clear majority against him. So they quietly threw in their ballots with only one name upon them, that of Thomas F. Farish. The leaders of the combine glared when the single tickets began coming out of the box, but it was too late.

WHEN the Democratic Central Committee selected for its chairman Winchester Miller, it was, of course, done by the machine in the hope that the act would conciliate Mr. Miller and secure his support for the ticket. But that is where they are wrong. Mr. Miller is honest man of a high grade of intelligence, and this appeal to his vanity will suffice. He came to this city with the apodelegation and asked for only one nomination, that of A. J. Halbert for assessor. Not one thing was granted; the combination arrogantly seized all the offices for its creatures, and now throws this small sop to the south side of the river. They evidently take Tempe Democrats for fools. It may be that they are right, but if there be an exception, that exception is Winchester Miller.

"Mr. Smith," inquired his wife after seeing of Pond's nomination in the centric, "I really believe that California will finally be the banner State for Prohibition."

"How do you form that opinion?" inquired her husband, who happened to be a Republican.

"Why, they're not satisfied with having a Water-man for Governor, but now they want a Pond."

THE well back of the Capitol saloon was filled up a few days ago. A mention of this would be enough to awaken many memories among the old-timers in Phoenix. Nearly all the main portion of town obtained drinking water from its fountain until along in '82. In '79 the only others convenient for town use were located severally, in Doctor Thibodeau's back yard, in Monihan's corral and in the old stage corral, where Goldman's liquor store now stands. But then, in the days, water did not take a high beverage.

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